

REMARKS

Claim 1 was recently amended to call for obtaining on the first wireless device a contact list of second wireless devices with which the first wireless device has communicated in the past, including a first contact in-range from the first wireless device and a second contact being out-of-range of the first wireless device. Thus, the contact list is a list of contacts with which the first wireless device has communicated in the past. But, perhaps more importantly for the present situation, that list must include both in-range and out-of-range devices.

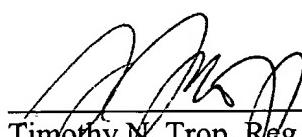
The office action suggests that the contact list may be populated through the inquiry procedure. However, this does not work because the inquiry procedure only establishes a list of contacts that are in-range.

For example, in column 13, lines 49-54, it is explained that the inquiry procedure is provided that enables the units to learn of the addresses of nearby units. Column 14, lines 6-8, is even more explicit where it is explained that the information is used to establish a piconet “with units that are within range.”

In short, the inquiry procedure that the Examiner is relying on only works with in-range units and, therefore, does not fall within the scope of claim 1.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1, claim 11, and claim 21 is respectfully requested, together with all claims dependent thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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